

Society

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eat son, will be very rich. Lady Mackintosh was Lady Maud Cavendish, whose husband was serving as assistant military attaché to the British Embassy here when he died of pneumonia following influenza before they had been married a year.

A general exodus from Washington of our consuls, vice consuls, secretaries and ministers is taking place just now as so many members of the State Department who came home from their posts in the belligerent nations when we entered the war are now being reassigned to those countries. Quite a number are now en route to Turkey and the consul general to Constantinople, Gabriel Bie Ravand, has just reached that post, from Nantes, after an extended absence. Dr. Otis Glazebrook is on his way back to Jerusalem; Leland Morris, formerly of this city, and several others sailed Thursday on the Mauretania, with Turkey as their destination; Julius Lay is scheduled to go shortly, likewise a number of others.

Lynn Franklin, a Washington boy, who has been in South America for about seven years, was scheduled to go shortly after enjoying a leave with his mother here, but has been retained to take charge of the relief work in the Far East.

We are making arrangements, I believe, to even send consular officers back into Germany, and I think one of our consuls has already penetrated as far as Zurich. I hear that the salaries of the members of our consular service are to be increased, and that is, indeed, good and very important news. The salaries paid now are positively miserly and not enough to tempt people of ability unless they have some outside income. In fact, an outside income is absolutely necessary to make it possible for anyone to hold many of the diplomatic positions, all of which are of great importance. Take our commercial attaches, for example, they have to be very clever and experienced business men. They soon acquire a very wide knowledge of business, and within a short time they are snapped up by some big business firm at a salary that makes the miserly sum paid them by the government seem even more miserly. Then Uncle Sam has to begin all over again to train another man who soon leaves him also for better, bigger money.

It does seem so nice to have "Billy Mitchell," excuse me, Gen. Mitchell, back once more. He was away for over two years, going over to Paris as military attaché before we got into the war. He was also observer with the allied armies, and then when we got into it, he made a great record for himself as an aviator, and has come home covered with glory as everyone who knew Billy Mitchell knew he would do.

And he still dances exquisitely. I saw him the other evening at the supper-dance at the Cafe St. Marks.

—He and Mrs. Mitchell had quite a party there after the theater—and he dances divinely. He always did, you know, and his wife does too. She is looking very well and even younger than the last time I saw her. They used to go out so much, dined and danced every day of the world almost, that she looked very tired by the time they left here. Now she just looks fine and so does he. They have taken the house at 1309 Twentieth street, which Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Seager had. They were active members in the old days of the Army Dancing Club, which has just been reorganized, and is holding meetings at the Washington Club. So many of the old members of the club stationed here before the war, are back in town that they have gotten together once more. The club is proving as popular as it was in the days when it met at the Playhouse, then the rendezvous of smart society. Gen. Schindler were among the active members and are back here now. The general is in command at Camp Meade. Both are beautiful dancers. Col. and Mrs. Bassett, the Llewellyn Williamson, the Robert Pattersons, Col. and Mrs. R. P. Davis—now Gen. Davis (it is so hard to keep up with the ranks of one's friends), Andy Moses and his wife, were all some of the army folks who were regular attendants, I remember.

Those parties used to be lots of fun. I remember they always had a buffet supper, one that lasted all during the evening and there was always a big keg of beer in the drawing room there at the Playhouse, as one of the attractions of the supper. Also I recall on one occasion that an officer, I think it was Col. Tenny Rose, manipulated the spotlight wrong; any way he was splashed all over with beer and literally soaked so that he had to go home—not soaked in the sense in which that term is sometimes used in connection with beer and such. Tenny Rose later went to France on the staff of Gen. Joseph Kuhn but has been back here a month or more.

The same night I saw the Mitchells at the Cafe St. Marks I saw Mrs. Gordon Knox Bell there with a dinner party of some ten people includ-



Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, who was the honor guest at the dinner which Gen. George Owen Squier, U. S. A., gave in her honor last Wednesday night at the Cafe St. Marks.

ing her sister, Miss Crafts, Mr. and Mrs. Armour, Col. Cordier of the General Staff, who, by the way, is very fond of dancing and hardly ever misses a dance at the United Service Club; Mr. Campbell, of the British Embassy staff and Count de Sartiges of the French Embassy staff. Did you know that the United Service Club is going to close before very long? Its membership is dwindling very rapidly because so many officers have left or are leaving the service. That club was certainly a God-send to the strange officers in town. It gave many a nice home, a place to sleep and eat without paying huge prices; it made it possible for them to get acquainted with other men in the service; it provided a place for them to read, play pool and pass their leisure hours. Who ever first thought of it, and started that club did a work of real worth.

To return to Mrs. Bell, she and her husband have sold their house here and are preparing to shake the dust of Washington from their feet about the middle of May and return to their old haunts in New York. They bought the house when they came here simply because they could not get a place to live otherwise. Mr. Knox is connected with the War Trade Board. They are going first to their country place near New York and then next fall will take possession of their town house in New York. Gerald May had a party at the Cafe St. Marks that evening, too. Ethel Noyes Blagden and her husband were among his guests. Really you see everyone you know every time you go to the Cafe St. Marks, no matter what the hour.

Ballard Moore had a pretty girl in one corner the same evening. Like Billy Mitchell, he surely can dance. Gen. George Squier had an interesting dinner company at the Cafe St. Marks Wednesday evening with Mrs. Newton Baker as the honor guest. The absence of the Secretary of War doesn't stop people from entertaining his charming wife. Judge Martin Knapp gave a dinner for her, too, while the Secretary was on an inspection tour with General March. They, like the Bell party, though they began to dine early, stayed on for the supper dance

and made a whole evening of it. There were several young men in the party, all friends of Helen Blodgett, Mrs. Matthews' niece. Mrs. Heatwole is a close friend of Mrs. Matthews and an old friend of Mrs. Blodgett and Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Heatwole, who has been visiting William Phelps Eno and Mrs. George Eble for some weeks, has re-

turned to her home in New York. Mrs. Lane was to have shared honors with Mrs. Joel Heatwole at the tea party which Mrs. Charles Grey Matthews gave at the Cafe St. Marks on Thursday, but as the tea party was preceded by a theater party Mrs. Lane found at the last moment that previous engagements would not allow her to give up so much of her afternoon.

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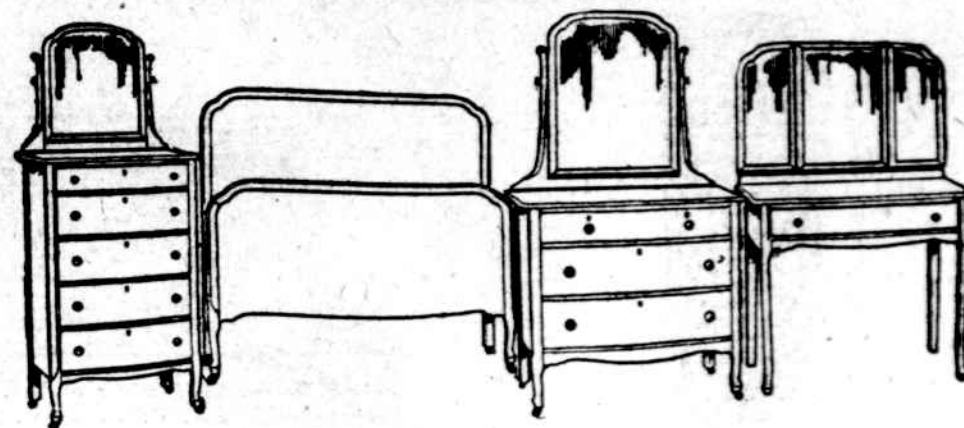
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